

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A retractive composite web comprising:

- a) an extensible, fluid permeable substrate having at least one direction of extensibility in an XY plane; and
- b) a pattern of untensioned coalesced elastomeric stripes contained on an XY plane surface of the substrate in an add-on amount of between about 2.5 weight percent to about 100 weight percent of the ~~composite web~~; substrate;
- c) each ~~longitudinal axis~~ of the coalesced elastomeric stripes having a longitudinal axis being oriented in the direction of substrate extensibility; and
- d) the retractive composite being fluid permeable;
- e) the coalesced elastomeric stripes comprising charged electrospun microfibers or droplets.

2. (Original) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the pattern is a regular pattern of 1 mm wide stripes spaced 1 cm apart.

3. (Original) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the pattern is a regular pattern of 4 mm wide stripes spaced 1 cm apart.

4. (Original) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the coverage area of stripes is between about 10.0 and about 40.0 percent of the surface area of the substrate.

5. (Previously Presented) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the coalesced elastomeric stripes are in an add on amount of between about 2.5 weight percent to about 10.0 weight percent.

6. (Original) The retractive composite of Claim 5 having a modulus of elasticity of between about 31 psi and about 44 psi.

7. (Previously Presented) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the coalesced elastomeric stripes are in an add on amount of between about 35.0 weight percent to about 40.0 weight percent.

8. (Original) The retractive composite of Claim 7 having a modulus of elasticity of about 51 psi.

9. (Previously Presented) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the coalesced elastomeric stripes are in an add on amount of between about 60.0 weight percent to about 65.0 weight percent.

10. (Original) The retractive composite of Claim 9 having a modulus of elasticity of between about 64 psi and about 70 psi.

11. (Previously Presented) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the coalesced elastomeric stripes are in an add on amount of about 100.0 weight percent.

12. (Original) The retractive composite of Claim 11 having a modulus of elasticity of about 121 psi.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the extensible, fluid permeable substrate has a basis weight of about 0.6 osy.

15. (Previously Presented) The retractive composite web of Claim 14 wherein the coalesced elastomeric stripes are in an add on amount of between about 2.5 weight percent to about 10.0 weight percent.

16. (Original) The retractive composite of Claim 15 having a modulus of elasticity of between about 31 psi and about 44 psi.

17. (Previously Presented) The retractive composite web of Claim 14 wherein the coalesced elastomeric stripes are in an add on amount of between about 35.0 weight percent to about 40.0 weight percent.

18. (Original) The retractive composite of Claim 17 having a modulus of elasticity of about 51 psi.

19. (Previously Presented) The retractive composite web of Claim 14 wherein the coalesced elastomeric stripes are in an add on amount of between about 60.0 weight percent to about 65.0 weight percent.

20. (Original) The retractive composite of Claim 19 having a modulus of elasticity of between about 64 psi and about 70 psi.

21. (Previously Presented) The retractive composite web of Claim 14 wherein the coalesced elastomeric stripes are in an add on amount of about 100.0 weight percent.

22. (Original) The retractive composite of Claim 21 having a modulus of elasticity of about 121 psi.

23. (Original) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the extensible, fluid permeable substrate is a polypropylene spunbond nonwoven.

24. (Original) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the extensible, fluid permeable substrate is necked from about 35% to about 50%.

25. (Original) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the coalesced elastomeric stripes are provided in an amount sufficient to provide less than about 81.8% first cycle hysteresis.

26. (Original) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the coalesced elastomeric stripes are provided in an amount sufficient to provide less than about 61.2% second cycle hysteresis.

27. (Original) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the coalesced elastomeric stripes are provided in an amount sufficient to provide less than about 35.0% first cycle immediate set.

28. (Original) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the coalesced elastomeric stripes are provided in an amount sufficient to provide less than about 36.0% second cycle immediate set.

29. (Original) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the coalesced elastomeric stripes are provided in an amount sufficient to provide a modulus of elasticity greater than 21 psi.

30. (Original) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the composite has a fluid intake time of between about 15 seconds to about 30 seconds for each cycle of a 3 cycle FIFE test.

31. (Previously Presented) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein the elastomeric stripes are a styrenic block copolymer.

32. (Original) The retractive composite web according to of Claim 1 wherein the extensible, fluid permeable substrate is a necked nonwoven web.

33. (Currently Amended) A retractive composite web comprising:

a) an extensible, fluid permeable substrate having at least one direction of extensibility in an XY plane, the extensible, fluid permeable substrate being a spunbond nonwoven having ~~a basis weight of about 0.6 oz/yd²~~; fiber denier of about 1.0 to about 5.0; and

b) a pattern of untensioned coalesced elastomeric stripes contained on an XY plane surface of the substrate in an add-on amount of between about 2.5 weight percent to about 100 weight percent of the ~~composite web~~; substrate;

c) each ~~longitudinal axis~~ of the coalesced elastomeric stripes having a longitudinal axis being oriented in the direction of substrate extensibility;

d) the coalesced elastomeric stripes comprising charged electrospun microfibers or droplets;

e)[[d]] the retractive composite being fluid permeable, having a hysteresis of less than 83%, having less than about 35.0% first cycle immediate set, having less than about 36.0% second cycle immediate set, having a modulus of elasticity greater than 21 psi, and having a fluid intake time of less than 30 seconds for each cycle of a 3 cycle FIFE test.

34. (Original) The retractive composite web of Claim 33 further having a modulus of elasticity of between about 31 psi and about 44 psi.

35. (Original) The retractive composite web of Claim 33 further having a modulus of elasticity of between about 51 and about 121 psi.

36-39. (Canceled)

40. (Previously Presented) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein said untensioned coalesced elastomeric stripes are formed by at least one electrospun elastomeric fiber.

41-42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently Amended) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein said coalesced ~~elastomer is applied as a solution of~~ elastomeric stripes comprise a SBS copolymer ~~in a solids solution.~~

44-45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently Amended) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein said coalesced ~~elastomer is applied in~~ elastomeric stripes have a coverage area of ~~stripes~~ between about 5.0 and about 50.0 percent of ~~the~~ a surface area of the substrate.

47-53. (Canceled)

54. (Previously Presented) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein said extensible, fluid permeable substrate is necked from about 35% to about 50% to make the substrate extensible in the cross direction.

55-56. (Canceled)

57. (Previously Presented) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein said elastomeric stripes are coalesced from an emulsion or solution of elastomers.

58. (Previously Presented) The retractive composite web of Claim 57 wherein said elastomeric stripes are fluid permeable.

59. (Previously Presented) The retractive composite web of Claim 1 wherein said elastomeric stripes are fluid permeable.